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WORLD HERITAGE SITES IN AGRA
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether UNESCO suggested in its recently concluded meet that three World Heritage sites in Agra - Taj, Agra Fort and Fatehpur Sikri be renominated as World Heritage property;

(b) if so, the response of the Union Government on this suggestion; and

(c) the measures taken by the Union Government to maintain individual World Heritage status of these three sites?

Answer

MINISTER FOR INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a): The World Heritage Committee in its recently concluded meeting at Durban suggested that the State Party (India) may consider possible future renomination of the three sites of Taj Mahal, Fatehpur Sikri and Agra Fort as a single World Heritage property.

(b) & (c): The Union Government is not considering such a renomination and the three sites would continue to remain as separate World Heritage sites.